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3624 7590 04/30/2009 VOLPE AND KOENIG, P.C. UNITED PLAZA, SUITE 1600 30 SOUTH 17TH STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103			EXAMINER GORMAN, DARREN W	
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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/523,574	Applicant(s) GRETHER, HERMANN	
	Examiner Darren W. Gorman	Art Unit 3752	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Darren W. Gorman (Examiner). (3) Christoph Weis (Assignee representative).

(2) Robert Ballarini (Attorney for Applicant). (4) Len Tran (SPE 3752).

Date of Interview: 27 April 2009.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☒ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.
If Yes, brief description: working model of faucet aerator shown.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Nelson (USPN 4,730,786).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Ballarini and Mr. Weis described the structural differences of the instant invention in view of the prior art to Nelson. In particular, differences between the housing structures were discussed, as well as differences between the flow regulator of the instant invention in view of the element(s) of Nelson to which the Examiner applied the recited flow regulator. A proposal to amend the independent claim was introduced in view of the discussions.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Darren W Gorman/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3752	
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